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Inventor: Thomas M. Baer, et al.

Invention: CONSUMABLE FOR LASER CAPTURE MICRODISSECTION

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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated November 23, 1999.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Response to Requirement for Election of Species

In the Action, at page 2, the Examiner requires an election of a single alleged species from among alleged species denoted as:

- I. Claims 1-44, drawn to a laser capture microdissection apparatus, classified in class 356, subclass 244.
- II. Claims 45-48, drawn to a microscope, classified in class 359, subclass 363.